NOTICE NO. 50

Office of the Director

CALIFORNIA STATE WAR COUNCIL

Administration Building
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P. O. Box 1407
Sacramento 7, California

September 26, 1944

TO: DEFENSE, WAR AND DISASTER COUNCILS

SUBJECT: OBSERVANCE OF DAY OF CAPITULATION OF GERMANY

At the meeting of the California State War Council held on September 15, 1944, the War Council adopted the attached Proclamation of the Governor, dated September 7, 1944.

While it was recognized that there was no legal authority vested in the State or any of its agencies to control the manner in which "V-DAY" will be observed, the War Council called upon the people to give heed to the Governor's Proclamation and conduct themselves accordingly.

It was stressed that the most patriotic thing any citizen or community can do is to conduct himself or itself in the spirit of the occasion and carry on in a way that will deal another blow to the Japanese aggressor, following such spirit in any observances they may have.

It was recommended that the authorities in each county and city, after consideration of the local factors involved, prepare such plans to meet this day as should cause the least interruption in war production and discourage riotous celebration.

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Director

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the armed forces of the United States, in cooperation with our Allies of the United Nations, have by their power and courage rapidly advanced our cause, particularly against our enemy in the European theater, and

WHEREAS, communities throughout California are now making plans to celebrate the day of the defeat and surrender of Germany, and

WHEREAS, victory will have been achieved only after great sacrifices of life and immeasurable human suffering,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Earl Warren, Governor of California, do hereby call upon the people of our State, upon our public officials in counties and cities, upon our civic and church leaders, to plan their programs for celebrating this day of victory so that the joy of our people will find expression in ways befitting the event; to plan celebrations of a patriotic and spiritual kind; to arrange such programs for the great day that there shall be no desire or need for celebration out of keeping with the thought that our men and women of the armed forces will be still on the battlefields, still unable to join in home celebration, and still faced with the task of completing every phase of victory; and

I FURTHER REQUEST the State War Council to cooperate with our cities, our counties, our civic and religious organizations, in the work of planning the kind of celebration herein suggested, which, I firmly believe, will be in accordance with the mood of the great majority of our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this Seventh day of September, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four.

/s/ EARL WARREN
Governor of California

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ FRANK M. JORDAN
Secretary of State